

Mother Nature hasn't blessed us with the greatest conditions as of late and the track in Lindsay suffered because of it. The limited supply of snow made the track tight and one lined. The racers made the best of it, ours had their fair share of rough rides, seeing 4 of the 5 involved in crashes over the course of the weekend. You could say it was a weekend filled with ups and downs.

Pounding out some solid motos all weekend long was Yanick Boucher on his Husqvarna/Yeti Snowbike. Yanick had some tough battles with his closest competitors and would finish the weekend with a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. There is no doubt now that the top bikes can turn lap times as fast as the top Pros on sleds. Yanick continues to hold down first place overall in this class. "We have our snowbike working great and can't wait to see how Yanick makes out at our next round." S. Hunt

For Isaac St. Onge his weekend would go from good to bad and back to good again over the two days of racing. Saturday would see the young Pro Lite rider finish his qualifier races at the front of the pack and then in the final he would be involved in a crash that would sideline him for the rest of the night. Tough to see this happen to such a talented rider. Isaac would re-focus on Sunday and put his head down and ride away from his competition, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the final, allowing him to retain his overall lead in the points hunt for the Championship.

Taking her first moto win of the season was Hailey Belanger in the Transition 8-10 class! It was great to see this young rider put it all together to take the win. Hailey would round out her weekend and finish with 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Transition class and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the transition girls class on Saturday and 2<sup>nd</sup> on Sunday. Hard work at home on the practice track at The Compound has really helped Hailey move to the front of the pack.



**YANICK BOUCHER**



**ISAAC ST ONGE**



**HAILEY BELANGER**

On Saturday Brooklyn raced in Junior Girls finishing with strong heats with a 2nd & 2nd combined for 2nd overall. On Sunday she ran in Junior 1 with results in her heats 4th & 3rd and in the final 5th, in Junior girls she went 3rd & 1st in her motos for a combined 2nd overall.

When asked what the highlight of the weekend was Brooklyn had this to say: "I can't decide which was the best part about racing in front of my hometown - earning top five against some incredible guys in Jr 1, or bringing out the checkered in my last Jr girls race on Sunday."

Our two Pro racers didn't have a weekend they hoped for. Taylor had a bad crash on Saturday that would keep him from finishing the final. Ryan had a good first moto finishing with a solid 4<sup>th</sup> but in moto #2 he would suffer a mechanical failure, when a stud would puncture his heat exchanger, causing the engine to overheat. Hunt would be able to start the final but not finish the race.

Unfortunately, Sunday wouldn't go much better for the two riders. Taylor was nursing the injury from Saturday night, but would fight hard in his motos and in the final finishing with 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday wasn't a lucky one for Hunt as he would crash in to a downed rider at the bottom of a blind jump, causing him to violently go over the bars and damage his sled, forcing him off the track. With any luck, the boys will heal up and be ready to ride up front like we know they can.

Due to the lack of snow, our event scheduled for Barrie has now moved to March 10-11<sup>th</sup>. Our next event will be held in Timmins on March 3-4<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to it!

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